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Away in a Manger

Mary and Joseph admire the newborn baby Jesus in a brief moment of quiet before shepherds, animals and Oriental kings come to pay homage to the newborn King, at the Elk Point Baptist Church Sunday School pageant on Dec. 16.

Community Choir delivers gift of music

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Christmas is "a time for reflecting, and for giving gifts," Don Conrad told the sizeable audience attending Friday night's Elk Point and District Community Choir's annual Christmas concert. "The gifts of kindness, friendship and love are often taken for granted."

In addition to their music, this year the choir was donating their profits from the concert to two worthy organizations, half going to the Elk Point Community Lions and half to St. Paul Knights of Columbus, to assist both groups in providing a better Christmas to less fortunate families in the area.

Conrad thanked the audience for their kindness and support over the years, noting that "many have never missed a concert." Friendship, he said, is a big part of the choir, as "strong bonds are formed. We are one family." Love also abounds, and Conrad led a round of applause for choir member George Arychuk and his wife, who were celebrating their 50th anniversary that evening.

A program of 12 varied group numbers started off with "The Time for Turning," speeding up the tempo for the second number, "Christmas is Coming," which featured Linda Peters on glockenspiel. Ruth Pugh's solo introduced "Bring Us Peace" before the choir turned their songbook pages to "Follow That Wondrous Star," which included verses of "We Three Kings" as a song within a song.

Another song within a song was "Go Tell it on the Mountain," which was woven into the lyrics of "Long, Long Time Ago."

The ladies of the choir wound up the first set of group numbers with an a capella version of "Christ is Born."

Rather than an intermission, this year's concert included a showcase of the many individual talents exhibited by the choir members.

Shaun Sheplawy was accompanied by choir director Udo Mueller on piano as he sang "Nothing But a Child."

Barb Buryn took over the piano keyboard and her mother Mabel Gottenbos led an audience sing-along between the individual numbers.

Linda Peters on piano, Robyn Sieben on flute and Erica Spoeth on cello performed "Child of Peace," a lullaby based on a Polish carol.

Dixie and Kloe Coleman sang an original song by Dixie's aunt, entitled "No Room at the Inn," accompanied by Linda Peters on piano.

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Town reinventing economic development advisory board

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point town council has rescinded their previous bylaw establishing an economic development advisory board, and gave first reading at their Monday, Dec. 10 meeting to a bylaw which would establish an economic development advisory board and define its powers, duties and responsibilities.

Mayor Parrish Tung says the previous bylaw "was not clear" regarding terms and responsibilities.

The new bylaw states that the mandate of the advisory board is "to explore short and long term development strategies, gain broad community involvement and support, develop existing resources including community infrastructure, capital assets of the community and human resources within the community."

The board is to be appointed by resolution of council, and will consist of one member from town council, one from the County of St. Paul council, one from the chamber of commerce, one from the agricultural society, one from recreation, one from the energy sector, three from the community at large, and one representative of each of the four focus groups established in 2005. Council will advertise for qualified volunteers for these positions.

The board will be given the responsibility of preparing an economic development plan for the town, for council's consideration, and for recommending any needed changes to the plan from time to time.

Another change is that whereas part of the original board's funding came from private investors, with the balance coming from the town's business licence fees. The funds remaining from the private investments will be returned to those individuals, and the new board will be given a budget, funded by business license fees, to carry out a program to promote the goals and objectives of the plan.

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County council gets pay hike

By Janani Whitfield
Stff Writer

County of St. Paul council got a pay hike, retroactive to Nov. 1st, at their regular county meeting on Dec. 11.

Reeve Robert Bouchard noted it had been six years since the last pay increase to the base pay, and that the pay hike wasn't excessive.

"We're still far below the provincial average," he said.

Coun. Maxine Fodness was the lone dissenting voice when it came time to record votes for and against the motion to approve the pay hike. Fodness said she had a few problems with the proposed changes, including the rates of increases to councillors' committee meetings and the reeve's base pay. Fodness also took issue with the fact that the compensation for hotel expenses when councillors travel outside the community was based on a flat rate, and not based on actual receipts.

"For those three reasons, I will not vote for this motion," she said.

With six councillor voting for and one councillor voting against the motion, the increases were approved. The base rate pay for councillors in Division 3, 4, 5 and 6 jumps from $1,650 to $1,850, while the base rate pay for councillors in Division 1, 2 and 7 will increase from $1,700 to $1,900.

The additional pay for the responsibility of being reeve will increase from $400 to $600, while the deputy reeve's compensation raises from $200 to $400. The reeve will also get an additional pay for travel, based on 10 return trips from home to the county, of $117 per month, built into base supervision.

Pay per meeting will increase from $135 to $165, while meetings taking place over 200 km. away from St. Paul will jump from $160 to $190. Compensations for hotel stays rise from $140 to $160.

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Economic development

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Council, as elected representatives, will make the final decision on any recommendation made by the board.

Bob Bezpalko, who has been serving as economic development coordinator with the board, and who has been working on the updated website which was one of the board's recommendations, will continue in that role until the new board is established.

Development concerns

The rezoning of two commercial lots to multi-family residential for a proposed seniors housing complex has hit a snag.

Two submissions were presented at the public hearing preceding the meeting.

Realtor Shirley Harms, who with her husband Glenn, own and operate their business next door to the proposed development, says they "want to see the town grow, " but are concerned that the lot would be "a key location for future commercial development. We should preserve the commercial area."

Also the owner of the former service station across 50th Ave., Harms said "we want to be able to do business on our own property, without objection or being impeded. We are compliant with the regulations now, and we want to stay that way." She feels the location, next to businesses, and on a busy corner, would be too noisy for seniors to live comfortably.

Don Turner, who lives in the home currently located on one of the lots in question, agreed with the noise situation and said, "it's the wrong location for something like that."

He also questioned if soil on the lots could be contaminated because of their location near the old service station. Town manager Myron Goyan said the land had been tested in the past and no indications of contamination had been found.

Mayor Parrish Tung also had concerns with the rezoning, due to the lots' location in the commercial area. Goyan agreed that it could "limit future development."

Coun, Dwayne Yaremkevich said the housing units "would be nice to have in town, but I'm not sure about the location,"

On the other hand, Coun. Dick Millar noted that a location close to downtown is sometimes considered a plus by seniors and could outweigh the noise factor.

Council agreed to ask the applicant for more information regarding the development before deciding whether to approve the development.

Fire Board

County council had no objections to the changes to the joint fire board agreement, which includes paying firefighters for a minimum of two hours per call-out, so the agreement can now be approved.

Santas' Helpers

Council voted to donate $250 to Elk Point Community Lions for their Santas Anonymous Christmas hamper campaign.

Transfer Station

Council agreed that the waste transfer station will be closed both Tuesdays, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, and will operate normal hours on the Saturdays.

Highway Commercial

Mayor Tung agreed with council that it would be "a good idea to open more highway commercial lots. It can easily be done." The upcoming traffic count will determine if an extra lane is needed or if approaches can be installed instead, he noted.

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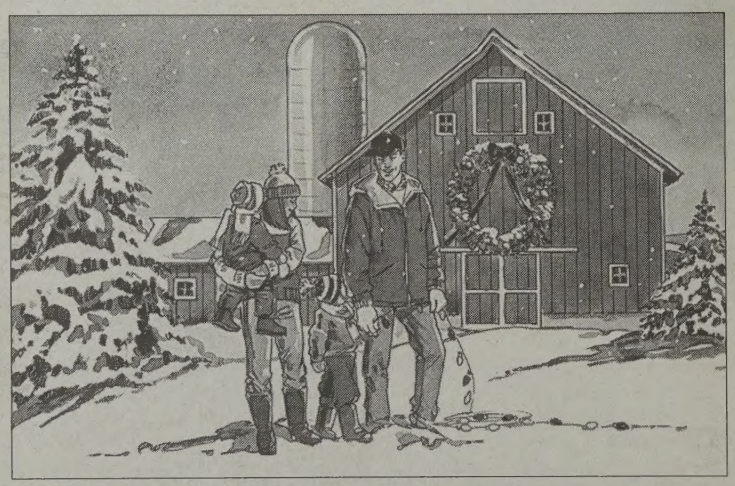

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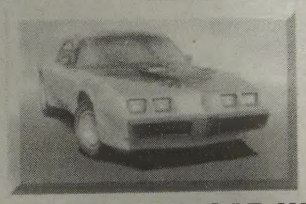

Frog Lake energy company boosts profits

By Mike Pomerleau
Staff Writer

The Frog Lake Energy Resources Corp. (FLERC) held its annual general meeting last week, with members reporting they had a breakout year in 2007. The company experienced a significant year in terms of production volume, reserve values and net earnings.

The yearly average production rate increased from producing the equivalent of 227 barrels of oil per day in 2006 to 681 in 2007, a 200 per cent increase. The yearly cash flow increased from $0.6 million in 2006 to almost $4.2 million in 2007, a 582 per cent increase, while the company's net earnings jumped up from $0.39 million in 2006 to more than $2.7 million in 2007 in net earnings, a 607 per cent increase.

"It was a great year where we had continual growth with the energy company and that's simply with acquisitions and continuing to drill in very porous properties that have oil and gas," said FLERC chairman Joe Dion.

FLERC's oil output in the past year is truly remarkable, he said. During the past year, its partner, Buffalo Resources Corp., transferred the remaining 15 per cent working interest in the former Husky Energy properties. Then, along with its industry partners, Buffalo and CNRL improved their cash flow and oil production substantially around the various oil wells in the Frog Lake First Nation.

"With our partnerships we have with Buffalo and CNRL, we've been able to grow our production steady and we're looking at drilling even more wells around the nation," said Dion.

The Frog Lake First Nation, according to Dion, has hit a gold mine in terms of finding oil and gas. The reserve lands lie directly north of heavy oil and its drilling depths for all formations are less than 600 meters deep. Dion said that it's great to be sitting on this gold mine and to see all this income coming in, which will help benefit FLERC and the people of Frog Lake.

"The key will be how are we going to protect this investment and how can we keep growing it," said Dion. "A lot of First Nations, they stop growing it after a certain point and I think the key is bringing in the right leadership and bringing the right management people in within the nation and I think that's happening."

Dion stressed the importance of a good management team in maintaining growth.

"I made a point of making sure that the money was used to help grow the company. There's always the temptation for First Nation to take money from the company and I said 'No, we can't do that, because it's going to end up hurting the company.'"

Another thing that Dion said will be key to keeping the "gold mine" going is making sure the company has good partners, such as CNRL and Buffalo.

FLERC continues to find new partners in the oil and gas industry, which leads to the establishment of new digging sites in and around Frog Lake. That in turn creates more job opportunities for the people around the nation, said Dion.

Aside from FLERC committee members' reports to those in attendance, there were also gifts exchanged between several of the FLERC industry partners and members of the Frog Lake First Nation band council, as well as a blessing of a service rig by the Elders.

Holiday deadlines

The Elk Point Review will be published early for the next two weeks.

Advertising and news deadline for our Dec. 21 issue is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, and for the Dec. 31 issue deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21.

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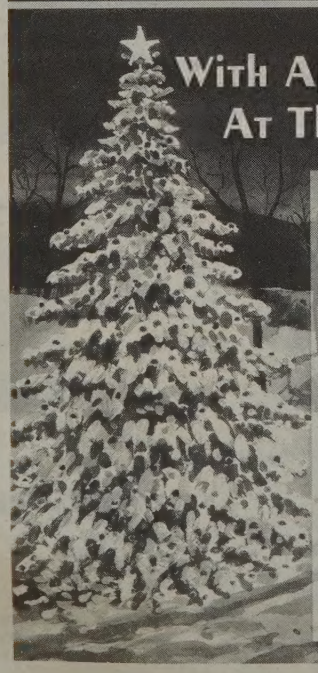

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Editorial

Santa, others are watching!

"You'd better watch out," the old song says, encouraging youngsters to be good in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

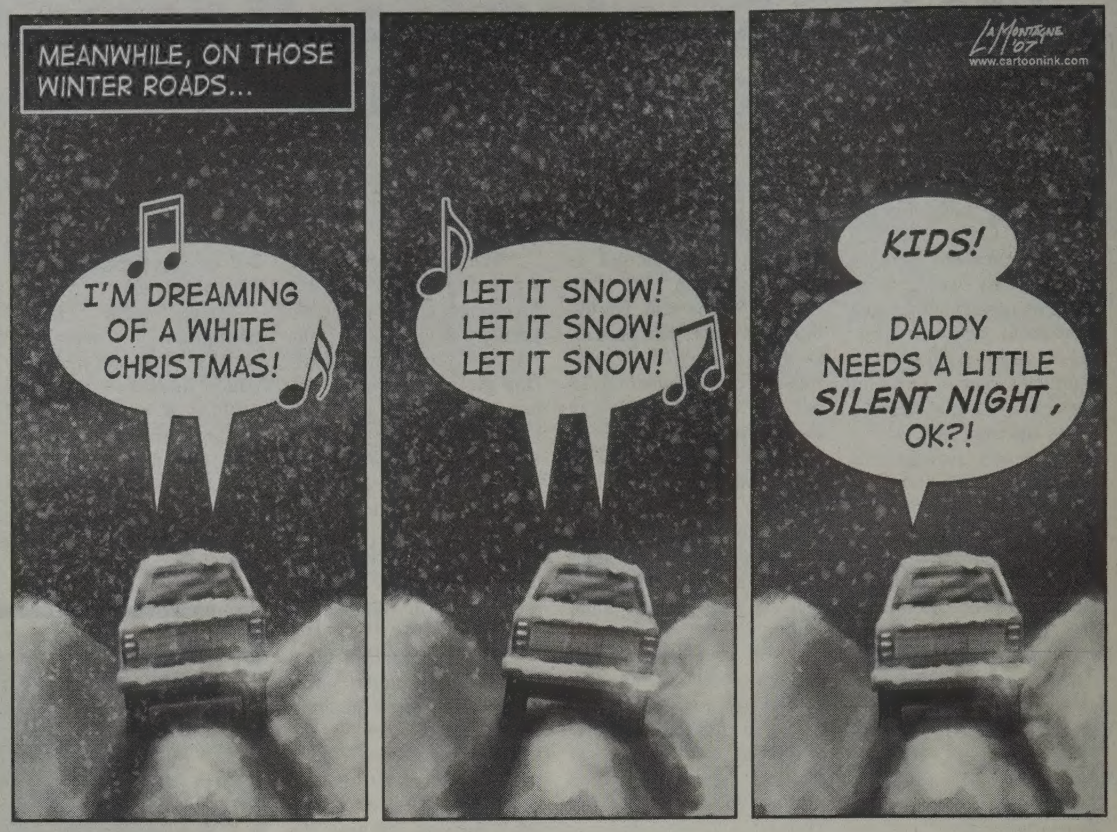
It's actually something we all should remember at this time of year. Even if we may be past the time in our lives when Santa is watching us, it still would be a good idea to behave ourselves.

This is a prime time of year for arguments and disagreements, as time and tempers grow short and everyone is frustrated with shopping and cleaning and having way too much to do in too short a time. However, it's the worst possible time to get involved in a disagreement, which can easily spoil the holiday for you and for others.

Overspending, overscheduling, and being overwhelmed are all a part of the season and about all we can do about it is to keep telling ourselves to stay calm and take one bite of the elephant at a time, and chew thoroughly.

And yes, we are being watched, every time we set out on the road. The men and women in striped cars are keeping an eye on our driving habits, with an eye to making sure that we're all still around and in one piece to celebrate the holiday. Think of that before you speed, ride around without your seatbelt on, or indulge in holiday cheer.

Hang in there, everyone - there's just one week to go. And remember, no pouting!



Way Back When...

Status, sharing and snowmen

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Elk Point Review and Lakeland Review for the week of December 18 in...

1987

Elk Point Hospital Board was proud to announce that they had been awarded a three-year accreditation status, the highest award a hospital can receive. The town of Elk Point's retiring building, bylaw and development officer, Ralph Riemer was treated to a good-humored roasting and a slide presentation entitled, "Ralph Riemer - Myth or Legend?" at the town's Christmas party.

1992

Pan Canadian Petroleum held information meetings at King George Hall and Heinsburg to announce plans for drilling 40 new wells in the Frog Lake area and 10 near Heinsburg. Aleisha Birkett was the lucky winner of $300 in Elk Point Bucks at the sixth annual Christmas Extravaganza, which also featured well-supervised wagon rides courtesy of the Elk Point Light Horse Club.

1997

Snowmen were in short supply, but the Elk Point Community Choir was fortunate enough to have one drop in to visit at their annual Christmas concert. Local quilters and crafters shared with those less fortunate, sending 13 quilts and 40 "ditty bags" containing grooming aids and other necessities off to Edmonton, making a total of 156 quilts in three years the Wednesday quilting sessions have been held.

2002

A three-concert weekend featured entertainment ranging from tiny angels and shepherds singing of Jesus' birth to a very convincing Elvis crooning about his Blue Christmas. A generous Town Council approved a substantial pre-Christmas hike in wages, from $15 to $20 per hour, for Elk Point's volunteer firefighters.

Guest Column

It's tradition!

deanna **EASTHOPE**

from the FCSS desk

Have you ever wondered why you do what you do with everything that you do at Christmas time? For example, Christmas trees are decorated with lights and such, the Christmas dinner has to have turkey and such, presents are put under the tree and opened Christmas morning, or maybe Christmas eve, Christmas stockings arc hung so Santa can put something in them, etc., etc.. Why do we do all this? It's tradition, of course.

About the Christmas tree, we know the lights on it represent the light of Christ because He is the Light of the World. But what about all the other stuff we put on the tree? You know what, it all means, what we want it to mean because it is our own special tradition. For example, whether you put a star or an angel on top of the tree, it is up to you. Mind you, I have seen some Christmas trees with a bow on top. Now, that must be a commercial interpretation, right? Anyway, what you do with your tree is all up to you and your tradition.

What about the hanging of Christmas stockings? According to legend, the tradition of hanging up Christmas stockings began in the fourth century. The tale centres on a rich family who fell upon hard times. The mother died and the kind-hearted father lost his fortune. The man's daughter didn't have a dowry, and so couldn't get married. Wanting to help, St. Nicholas tossed a bag of gold through their window one evening during the Christmas season. The gold landed in one of the stockings the girl had hung by the fireplace to dry, and it was just the right amount for a proper dowry. Children have been hanging up Christmas stockings ever since.

Then there is our Canadian traditional Christmas dinner. The turkey is number one. Ham, if not served along with the turkey on Christmas day, will probably be served on New Year's day. Shortbread cookies, peas and carrots, dressing and maybe some sausage meat, and of course, the yams, rich brown gravy and cranberry sauce are all the basics. To this basic menu, other special food items, unique to each family tradition will be added.

Now, what about the presents that we give at Christmas time? Where did gift giving start? Why, of course, it is with the three wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Let me tell you about each of these gifts what I learned from the dictionary.

Gold was found in the land of Havilah (Gen. 2:11), used in the tabernacle (Ex. 24-40), in the temple (Kings 6-9) and in Solomon's house (1 Kings 10: 16-21). Many instances are given in the Old Testament of its use for purposes of adornment. Arabia, Sheba and Ophir were countries from which it was brought (1 Kings 9:28, 10:2). It formed part of the offering made by the Wise Men to the infant Saviour (Matthew 2:11).

Frankincense - The fragrant resinous exudation of various species of browallia, it was imported into Judaea from Arabia (Isa. 60:6, Jer. 6:20), It was an ingredient in the holy incense for sanctifial purposes (Ex. 30:34) and was highly valued as a perfume (Matthew 2:11).

Myrrh was used in the preparation of the holy ointment (Ex. 30:23); in the purification of women (Esth. 2:12), as a perfume (Psalms 45:8, Song 1: 3-4, 5). It was obtained from various thorny shrubs of the dry districts of Arabia and eastern Africa. In Gen. 37:25 and 43:11, myrrh is the gum of the rock rose.

So from all of this, we can understand why these gifts were the perfect gifts to give to a king. Hence, today we give gifts to our loved ones that have special meaning to them as well.

All of this is tradition. May all your traditions bring you joy at this time of year.

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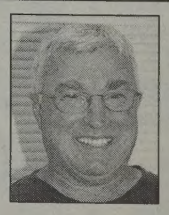

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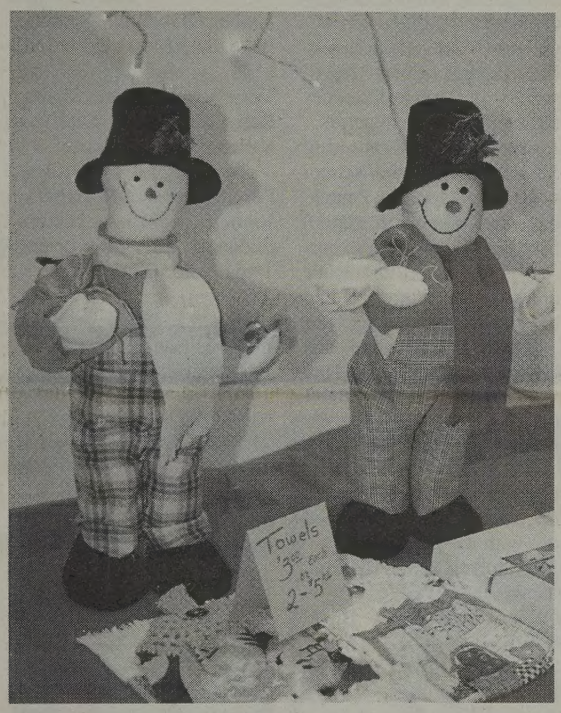
Cookies, crafts and canned gifts at Riverview

The annual craft show went Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Windsor Club in Riverview. Brownie Hannah Ganske was on hand to sell her Girl Guide cookies, while crafters offered everything from well-dressed snowmen (bottom left) and gifts in elaborately decorated cans (below) to embroidered items and artwork. Traditional Ukrainian food and baked goodies were also on offer, and many of the shoppers also enjoyed lunch or a coffee break during their visit.

Vicki Brooker photo



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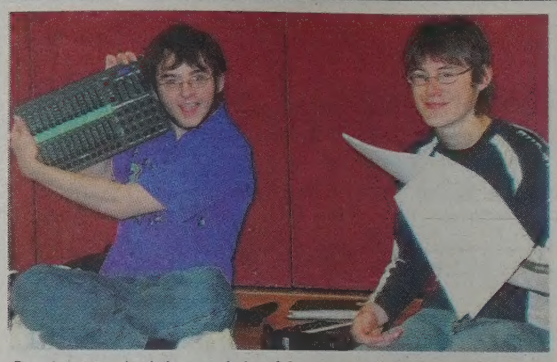

Student technicians, John Monro and Gabriel Kondla.

Sandra Bishop photos

Student actors and technicians pose for a cast picture.

Shakespeare comes to FGM

By Sandra Bishop
F. G. Miller High School

And the Academy Award goes to… well, we don't know yet, but years from now, when the award goes to one of our alumni, we'll be sure to remind the paparazzi that the new star began in show business at F. G. Miller High School, in the Theatre Prospero production of Romeo and Juliet.

Professional actors took the main roles in the performance, but nearly 30 students were involved as technicians or players. Lively fight scenes, noisy crowd scenes, and sad death scenes all included student actors.

Credits for promoting Shakespeare in the school were given to Lily Pentek, our long-time high school English teacher who is currently on a medical leave and was not able to attend the performance.

Listed below is the official cast and crew list, but we are delighted at the number of extra Crusaders who helped set up and stack chairs, carried tables, found needed materials, packed up, and otherwise helped out with the production.

Actors: Brittany Morrison, Terri White, Oliver Buck, Alex Buck, Sabrina Stewart, Adam Zapesocki, Erin Lindquist, Kent Crawford, Alyx Aarbo, Jordan Angus, Amber Babcock, Shalene Bezpalko, Merrick Fenton, Milo Smith, Lisa Tymofichuk, Nikki Marsh, Robyn Ockerman, Katelynn Vallee, Hillary Dallaire.

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Milo Smith learns the moves for a fight scene.

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Real Estate Board donates to hampers

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County maps out three year plan

By Janani Whitfield
Staff Writer

The County of St. Paul council agreed to a three year planning session, and looked at the general direction the county could take with regard to expenditures at their last council meeting on Dec. 11.

"We require a motion in council to approve, in principle, a three year plan," said CAO Kim Heyman. "We can change it, but we need to have a plan."

The plan included a proposed road construction schedule for the next three years as well as some proposed equipment purchases.

Councillors also looked at funds from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and possibilities for where the funds from the new provincial initiative could go. It was proposed that from the 2007 funds of $607,705, $100,000 could go towards the new St. Paul fire hall addition, and that the balance could be carried forward to 2008.

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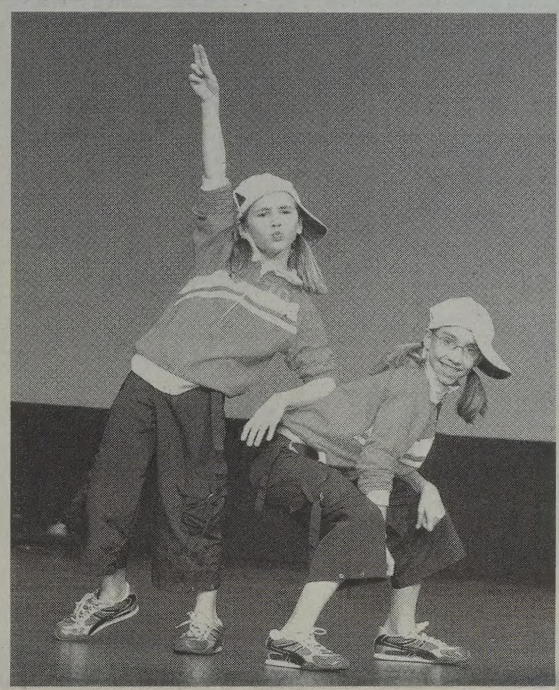
Local ballerinas perform in 'Nutcracker'

This year over 200 ballerina hopefuls auditioned to join the Alberta Ballet's seasonal classic production of 'The Nutcracker,' Dec 14 and 15 at the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium. Approximately 30 dancers were chosen for the available roles. Local dancers, Madeline and Hannah Ludlage were both honoured to be chosen to join the cast. Madeline performed in the role of a "Party Boy" and Hannah as an angel.



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God's waiting room

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

It is not difficult to associate waiting rooms with babies. Waiting rooms are familiar places for us dads! Let me take you into the life of a man called Simeon who was in God's waiting room. He story can be read in Luke 2:25-35. Simeon's name means "God hears". Simeon was indeed waiting for a child and the Bible names this expected child the Consolation of Israel. What is that, you may ask? Well that's a Hebrew idiom for the Messiah, the Christ. The Holy Spirit had told him that he would not die before he saw the Christ, the Messiah.

This man Simeon was led by this Spirit into the temple that day. There he met Joseph and Mary with the child Jesus. They had brought Jesus there according to the Law. Jesus would have been around 40 days old by this time. Mary would have brought the prescribed offering to the Temple and His parents would have brought Jesus to be circumcised. Simeon recognized the child as the Messiah when Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple to present Him to the Lord.

When Simeon saw the Child he took Him in his arms and blessed God. For Simeon, to see the Christ was a dream come true. As he verbalized his blessing, we learn that this Messiah was Jesus, the Light. For Gentiles (for us!), Jesus is the source of divine knowledge. But for Israel, Jesus is glory! Jesus is the realization, the fulfillment, the final goal of all the promises in the Bible.

Both are still true today. Christ is still the way to God. He is also the glory of God; the fulfillment of all that was promised. This story pictures a man, who for some reason was given a sentry's task. He was to await the sunrise. He had lived for many years and perhaps had enjoyed life to the full, but the ultimate; the crucial event had not yet taken place. But one day the sun came up. Simeon can now go home. He is relieved of his watch.

Some of you reading this article are like Simeon. You have been waiting and longing for the light to shine. Jesus is that light. On behalf of Elk Point Baptist Church it is my joy to point you to that Light. He has come. You need not wait any longer. May you have a very special Holiday Season as you seek the One is the Light of lights; the Fulfillment of all that is promised.

Vicki Brooker photos

Christmas season in song

Music makers at Elk Point's interdenominational cantata included father and daughter duo (left), Bob and Emily Thompson, singing, "What Child is This?" and Gabe Bayduza on accordion and Jerry Ahern on violin, who accompanied the combined choirs' recessional as they sang "Silent Night." St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church joined Elk Point United Church in the memorable evening of music.

Christmas services

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church will hold their Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24, while Elk Point United Church, Elk Point Christian Community Church and Elk Point Baptist Church are holding Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

The Christian Community Church will hold their children's Christmas presentation at 10 a.m. on Dec. 23.

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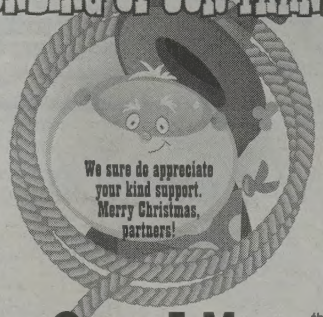

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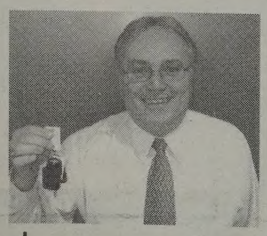

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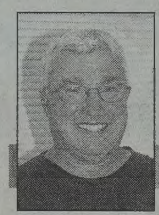
Avalanche warnings go unheeded in big wins



doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

Often when you go to the ski hill, areas are marked DANGER DO NOT ENTER AVALANCHE WARNING! The Cold Lake Ice should have read the signs before they ventured into Avalanche territory on this past weekend; they were buried, buried in pucks. And not just one team from Cold Lake, but two, one team on Saturday and another team on Sunday, both days, big wins for the Atom Avalanche. Four goals on Saturday for Colin "Naz. Jr." Nazarchuk, hat tricks for Brodin Ference and Brandon Garrett, two for Mathew Maloney, and a single for Dylan Odgaard. Madison Ference, Jewel Poitras and Chansie Botting all getting assists. Dustin Demers was between the pipes for the Avalanche.

On Sunday, six goals for Brodin Ference, the big team captain "Naz Jr."with four more, Brandon Garrett with four as well, a hat trick for Dylan Odgaard, Madison Ference finding the mess with one, and scoring their first goals ever, Han Lo Pittlejon and Brandon Bourne.

Snowed under, maybe not quite as deep, but still lots to shovel, the Peewee Avalanche were almost as tough on Neilburg on Sunday, winning this one by a score of 7 to 1. Logan "Paycheck" Becker, wasting no time, went to the vault early to pick up the cash, scoring two goals in less than three minutes to open the flood gates for the Avalanche. Trever "the Kid" Ballas with two, putting one up on the roof where Santa parks his sled, and "Dan the Man" Garrett with two as well, and the big D-man Brett "the Moose" Ockerman scoring with a blistering slap shot from the point that found its way through a maze of legs and into the cage. Michael "Bulldozer" Abraham and Rylan Buffalo with a couple of helpers each.

Over in Kitscoty on Saturday morning, the Micro Novice Tornadoes played a very close one right up to the final buzzer, losing 9 to 8. Hat tricks for Dustin Pankiw and Ross Hawryluk, a single for Dylan Ference and scoring her first goal ever, Tammy Roberts.

A great team effort for the Novice Hurricanes who were in Kitscoty as well this past weekend. Brodie Grykuliak with two goals, Noah Barber doing an awesome job in net.

They started out a little sluggish, but sure picked it up in the second and third period, the Bantam Girls Storm traveled to the Border City this past Sunday. Tori "T-Rex " Becker scoring the first one assisted by Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald and scoring her first goal ever, Paige Huxley, assisted by Kaitlyn Roberts. Lots of hustle back into the zone and clearing out the opposing players in front of the net, by the defense team of Chelsea Botting, Taylor Jenner, Alyssa Harms and of course, "Goldilocks/"

A big happy birthday going out today to one of the smoothest skating, slick stick handling and the most gentlemanly player you will ever meet, still playing now in his prime, up in the beer league with the Lindbergh Last Knights, Victor Stepa.

And finally a Merry Christmas to all you hockey players and fans out there, take care and be good, cause you know Santa's always watching.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "I've always felt we weren't physical enough on the back line. Now there's a no parking sign in front of our net." Last week's answer to: "We get nose jobs all the time in the NHL, and we don't even have to go to the hospital."- Brad Park.

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St. Paul Canadien Scott Dallaire congratulates Shoot-to-Win winner and onetime Canadiens player Shane Kossey on hitting the $50 space on the board.

Home town ice no help to Canadiens

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

The old home town ice advantage was just not enough to help Elk Point players Lee Letestu, Scott Dallaire, Devin Moneta, Craig Dallaire and Brodie Schmitt in their efforts with the rest of the St. Paul Jr. B Canadiens, when they took on the Killam Wheat Kings at the A. G. Ross Arena on Saturday night.

A good crowd of local supporters enjoyed the fast-paced action.

The Kings already had three markers on the score clock by the time Rylan Madoche found the twine for the Canadiens, off an assist by Lee Letestu, with 8:48 left in the first period. A power play goal for the Kings gave the southern visitors a 4-1 advantage by the end of the period.

Three more Killam goals, one of them after St. Paul tender Kyle Hodinsky was replaced by Josh Paul, would make it over the goal line in the second period.

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Community Choir delivers gift of music

(Continued from Front Page)

The Harmony singing group, made up of Shirley Osinchuk, Sarah Osinchuk, Cheryl Kurash and Kerry Anderson, presented a charming medley entitled "Christmas on Broadway," made up of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Babes in Toyland," "A Few of My Favourite Things," and "We Need a Little Christmas"

The men of the choir came back out to sing "Ave Maria," with Robyn Sieben adding a flute accompaniment. She also accompanied the entire choir in their next number, "Still a Bach Lullaby."

The soaring notes faded to a hush in "On This Quiet Night."

The choir's up-tempo "African Star Carol" featured a solo by Alan Kostyniuk, and the percussion duet of Shelby Mueller and Kloe Coleman, and was accompanied by Barb Buryn.

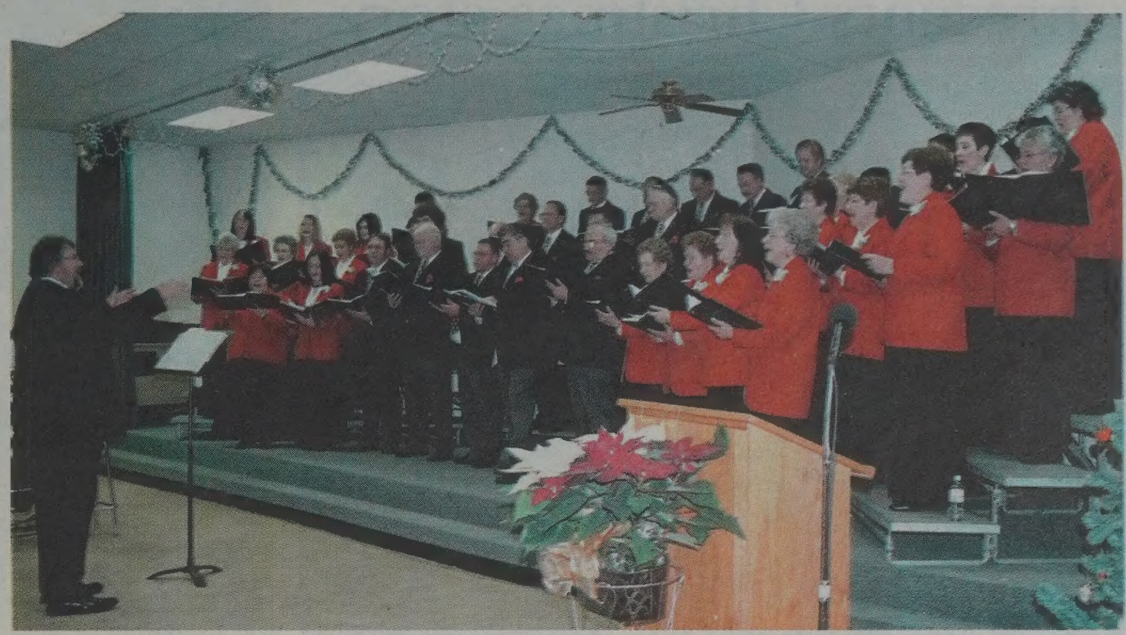
Following the gentle "A Child, a King," Udo Mueller took the opportunity to give his annual Christmas message to the crowd.

"We performed in St. Paul for St. Paul Abilities Network's gala, and last week we were in Bonnyville, tomorrow we'll be in Beauvallon. That winds up this year, and the first practice for the new year is on Jan. 6."

As a choir, Mueller said, "We practice to perform, we gather for the laughter. The interweaving, the blending words and music creates a texture of sound.

He introduced some of the choir's very important people: Blaine Easthope, who sets up for every rehearsal, George Sanders who created the float for the Extravaganza parade, pianists Deanna Easthope, Linda Peters and Barb Buryn, page turners Kirsten and Ashlee Buryn,Cheryl Kurash and Shirley Osinchuk, who keep the choir members on track, and Don Conrad, whose "managerial acumen" is vital to the group.

He thanked all who took the opportunity to enjoy this "respite from the season's frantic pace" before leading the choir in their final number, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," once again featuring percussionists Shelby Mueller and Kloe Coleman, and this time with Linda Peters on piano.



Elk Point and District Community Choir was festive in dress and in fine pre-holiday voice for their 17th annual Christmas Concert, held at the Seniors Recreation Centre in Elk Point, provided for the occasion by the Pioneer Circle.

Vicki Brooker photos

Shaun Sheplawy sang "Nothing But a Child" as one of the individual numbers.

Christmas is a time for sharing, and Don Conrad was pleased to present the evening's profits to Sandra Bishop of Elk Point Community Lions and John Gottenbos of St. Paul Knights of Columbus.

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Baptist Sunday School presents Christmas story

Vicki Brooker photos

Elk Point Baptist Church Sunday School presented their Christmas Pageant on Sunday, with performers of all ages. Above, five young ladies sing a special version of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," while at top left, the three Oriental kings bring a very handsome camel with them to carry their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Young moms brought along their babies as they came on stage to sing "Away in a Manger," while a group of youngsters spelled out Christmas" with a meaning for each letter. Not shown are the angels, shepherds and soloist Sherry Oszust, who sang "What Child is This?"

The pageant was followed by lunch for all, and then by indoor activities such as games and outdoor sleigh rides and snowmobiling, before a number of the churchgoers gathered to sing carols at Heritage Lodge.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

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Her heart was true and tender,
She toiled hard for those she loved
Then left them to remember.

Forever loved and not forgotten by Peter and Patricia.

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Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
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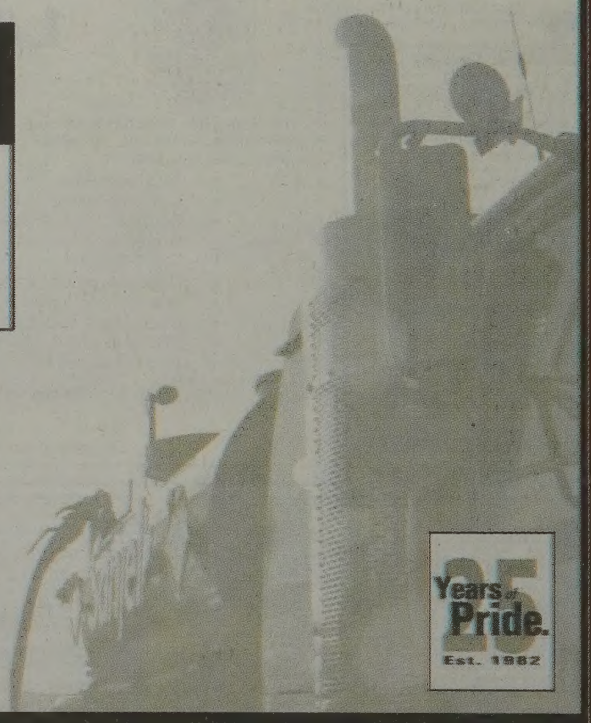

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Home town ice no help

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What looked like a good one for the Canadiens waved off by the referee.

The St, Paul defense kicked it up a notch in the third period, fending off all but one Wheat Kings scorer, and also mounted a better offense, with a Canadiens goal by Jesse Piquette off assists by Rylan Madoche and Jason Parenteau with 3:32 remaining in the game.

The 8-2 final deficit was not reflected in the shots on goal, which sat at 21-21 after 40 minutes, with the Canadiens adding five and Killam eight in the final period.

A former Canadiens player was successful in the Weatherford Shoot-to-Win between the second and third period. Shane Kossey hitting the mark to win $50 while fellow competitors Jim Hawkins and Shaunna Lyttle went wide.

Announcer and time keeper Keith Campbell won the puck toss, which tested the talents of numerous fans of all ages.

County passes on Champions of Change

By Janani Whitfield
Staff Writer

County of St. Paul will not be part of the Champions of Change process, having felt the focus of a Nov. 24 urban planning workshop was too narrow.

The organizers of the Nov. 24 workshop had hoped that the County of St. Paul, would send a representative to sit on a steering committee that would create and implement a vision for the future of St. Paul.

But after attending the workshop, Coun. Tom Kurek said he felt that the urban planning process concentrated on the Town of St. Paul, while neglecting the wider County of St. Paul.

"They don't even include Elk Point in that," Kurek said at the Dec. 11 County of St. Paul council meeting.

Coun. Maxine Fodness said she agreed the major focus of the workshop was on the Town of St. Paul and downtown revitalization, but she pointed out the community was larger than just the people in town.

"We're all one community," she said. "County will benefit as the town grows."

But at the end of the discussion, all the councillors agreed to pass on appointing a representative to sit on another committee.

Changes to development agreement

Kevin Roth and Colin Zarowny, who are developers of a subdivision at Lac Bellevue, came to address finishing the internal roads within their subdivision.

The developers, who were proposing 16 lots, were required by county policy to use asphalt for the road.

The access road into the subdivision is a low-traffic, 700 metre, dead-end road, which Roth said would be served well enough by an oil-mix finishing.

He asked if council would accept an oil-mix for the road.

"We're hoping we can make it work," he told council.

Council revisited their development agreement, and put a clause in the agreement that people subdividing a multi-lot property with one to 15 lots could use an oil base. For subdivisions that fall in the 15 to 20 lot category, council agreed they could review road needs on a case-by-case basis.

Based on changes to the development agreement, council agreed to let the developers use an oil finish for the road.

Bin rental fees set to increase

Council looked at increasing garbage bin rental fees, with suggested increases from Dennis Bergheim, county planning officer.

The increased rental had to be done in response to corresponding increase in wages and fuel, said Bergheim. "We have to get something from these bins."

"I don't have a problem with an increase," said Reeve Robert Bouchard. "I do have a problem with doubling (the rental cost)."

County of St. Paul CAO Kim Heyman said the increases were fairly significant in some cases, particularly for those people who were getting once a week pick-ups. She suggested, "We'll give them a bigger bin and say we won't supply weekly pick-ups."

Bergheim said the problem would be if everyone wanted to replace their smaller bins with the larger size, so that the County of St. Paul would have to buy more of the larger size bins as replacements.

"Given the increases in wages and fuel, I'm wondering if it wouldn't be worth our while," said Heyman.

Bergheim said he would look into the issue again and bring back a revised proposal. Council decided to table the item for a month.

County borrowing

County of St. Paul council approved two bylaws for the purposes of borrowing money. The first bylaw, a borrowing bylaw for the county's Master Card, authorizes short-term borrowing of up to $10,000 to finance the credit card, while the second bylaw authorizes the borrowing of seven million dollars to finance the short-term operations of the county.

"This is our line of credit to see us through until our 2008 taxes come through," Heyman explained to council.

Council gave the necessary three readings to approve the two bylaws.

Three year plan

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In 2008, $1,000,304 would be available; the council looked at putting $250,000 of that money towards the proposed Elk Point fire and ambulance hall, pending agreement with the Town of Elk Point, while putting $160,000 towards the Lottie Lake and Mallaig water plants. Council looked at putting an additional $100,000 towards for the Mallaig Lift Station. It is proposed that the remainder of funds, at $900,000, be applied to capital equipment purchases. In 2009, $1,235,000 will be available, and of those funds, council looked into putting $250,000 into reserves for the Elk Point fire and ambulance hall, $200,000 for the next section of roof to be redone at the County of St. Paul shop, and looked into putting the balance of $785,000 to 2009 capital equipment purchases.

Council decided to approve the suggested plan.

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